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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111 (7 pp.) in response to the Official Action mailed June 22, 2006 and a Certificate of Facsimile Transmission in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

Yours very truly,

NIKOLAI & MERSEREAU, P.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.G. Mersereau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a Non-Final Official Action mailed June 22, 2006, which carried a shortened-statutory period for response of three months so that reply is due by September 22, 2006.

It is requested that the following amendments to the claims be entered:

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